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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

(Attorney Docket No.: 05-083)

In re Application of:

Descamps et al.

Serial No.: 09/787,714

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: Endofucanases and Method Using  
Same for Preparing Fuco-  
Oligosaccharides From Fucanes,  
Bacterium Producing Endofucanases  
and Uses of Fuco-Oligosaccharides  
for Plant Protection

) Confirmation No. 5839

) Before the Examiner:  
McIntosh, Traviss C.

) Art Unit: 1623

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

**MAILED AUGUST 25, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.